

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 6 and 7.

Please amend claims 1-5 and 8 to read as follows:

1. (presently amended) A ~~An~~ elastic tape, elastic in the longitudinal direction, with transverse stiffening, comprising an elastic tape having a transverse transverse stiffening strips ~~strip which does not essentially hamper elasticity, wherein the transverse stiffening consisting strip consists~~ of a homogenous material which is applied to the tape in liquid form, adheres to forms a solid connection with the surface of the elastic tape, and is thereafter cured to produce its stiffness and has been applied in the form of strips.

2. (presently amended) The elastic tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the homogenous material of the stiffening strips consist~~ strip consists of a one-component an adhesive, which is applied in liquid form, makes a firm connection with the elastic tape, either by adhering to the surface or by the penetration of at least one extension into the loose surface structure of the elastic tape, and which thereafter obtains its required more solid properties by curing.

3. (presently amended) The tape as claimed in claim 1 2, wherein the stiffening strips consist of ~~adhesive is a so-called~~ 2-component adhesive.

4. (presently amended) The tape as claimed in claim 1 2, wherein the stiffening strips are adhesive ~~is an adhesive which is~~ cured by UV radiation.
5. (presently amended) The tape as claimed in claim 1 2, wherein the stiffening strips are adhesive ~~is an adhesive which is~~ cured by means of a temperature change.
8. (presently amended) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips penetrate ~~adhesive penetrates~~ through the tape.

Please enter new claims 9-13, which read as follows:

9. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tape additionally comprises a loose surface structure, and wherein the homogenous material penetrates into the loose surface structure prior to being cured.
10. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 2, wherein the stiffening strips consist of a UV-acrylate adhesive.
11. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 10, wherein the UV-acrylate adhesive is Loctite 3321.

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12. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips are disposed at a right angle to the longitudinal direction of the tape.
13. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips are cured by being radiated under blue light.

COPY OF ALL CLAIMS

1. (presently amended) A tape, elastic in the longitudinal direction, comprising transverse stiffening strips consisting of a homogenous material which is applied to the tape in liquid form, adheres to the surface of the tape, and is thereafter cured to produce its stiffness.
2. (presently amended) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips consist of a one-component adhesive.
3. (presently amended) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips consist of a 2-component adhesive.
4. (presently amended) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips are cured by UV radiation.
5. (presently amended) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips are cured by means of a temperature change.
- 6 and 7. (canceled)
8. (presently amended) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips penetrate through the tape.
9. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tape additionally comprises a loose surface structure, and wherein the homogenous material penetrates into the loose surface structure prior to being cured.
10. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 2, wherein the stiffening strips consist of a UV-acrylate adhesive.

11. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 10, wherein the UV-acrylate adhesive is Loctite 3321.
12. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips are disposed at a right angle to the longitudinal direction of the tape.
13. (newly added) The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stiffening strips are cured by being radiated under blue light.